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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 29, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

Examiner's Rejection

The Examiner rejects claims 1-16 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not enabling. Specifically, the Examiner does not find support in the specification to sufficiently teach one of ordinary skill in the art how to achieve tear strength in the machine direction that is greater than the tear strength in the transverse direction. The Examiner notes, for example, Table 1,